2. अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के आवेदक।

3. भूतपूर्व सैनिक और युद्ध में शहीद हुए सैनिकों की विधवाएं।

4. दूरसंचार विभाग के सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारी अथवा उनके आश्रित।

5. स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के आश्रित।

6. धर्मार्थ संस्थान/अस्पताल।

(ख) और (ग) हरियाणा में एसटीडी/आईएसडी/पीसीओ के लिए लम्बित पड़े आवेदनों की संख्या 3244 है। इनमें से कुछ अक्तूबर, 1994 से लम्बित हैं।

(घ) एक्सचेंज क्षमता तथा तकनीकी सक्षमता उपलब्ध हो जाने पर लम्बित आवेदनों को 1997-98 तक निपटा दिये जाने की प्रत्याशा है।

Reduction in the Cost of International Telephone Calls

1176. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of international telephone calls is likely to be reduced by about 80% following a pact agreed upon by the parties at World Trade Organisation;

(b) whether Government are aware that such a pact will have adverse effect on Indian Telecommunication System and tariff;

(c) whether some foreign telecommunication companies have indicated their attitude towards Third world markets including India; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The rates of international telephone calls were not included in India's offer submitted to WTO.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Inter-Communicating of Computers of Bill Collection Centres with Accounts Department

1177. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that internet is using basic infrastructure of Telecommunication;

(b) whether it is also a fact that intercommunicating of the computers between two different places is possible; and

(c) the reasons for not connecting bill collection centres to accounts department and telephone disconnecting department?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Department has no plan of using the Internet for Departmental purposes. However bill collection systems which includes such centres/department are being progressively computerised using in-house infrastructure.

Installation of sorting Machines in Head Post Offices

1178. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to instal sorting machines in each Head Post Office in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the number of sorting machines proposed to be installed in Bihar during 1996-97 and 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) There is no proposal with the Government for installing sorting machine in each Head Post Office in the country.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply at (a).